

List of light deities

A **light deity** is a god or goddess in mythology associated with light and/or day. Since stars give off light, star deities can also be included here. The following is a list of light deities in various mythologies.

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The Norse light god Baldr

African

Egyptian mythology

- [Khepri](#), god of rebirth and the sunrise

- Nefertem, god who represents the first sunlight

Guanche

- Magec, deity of the sun and light, exact gender unknown

Dahomean religion

- Lisa, deity of the sun, heat, sky

American

Lakota mythology

- Anpao, two-faced spirit of the dawn

Maya mythology

- Tohil, god associated with thunder, lightning, and sunrise

Aztec

- Centzonhuitznahua, 400 gods of the southern stars
- Centzonmimixcoa, 400 gods of the northern stars
- Cipactonal, god of the daytime
- Citlalicue, goddess who created the stars
- Citlalmina, goddess of female stars
- Citlalatonac, god of male stars
- Tianquitzli, star goddesses
- Xiuhotecuhtli, god of fire, day, and heat

Incan

- Inti, god of the sun
- Ch'aska ("Venus") or Ch'aska Quyllur ("Venus star"), goddess of dawn and twilight, the planet
- Mama Killa, goddess of the moon

Asian

Chinese

- Zhulong, dragon deity of daylight

Hindu

- Aruna, personification of the reddish glow of the rising sun
- Dyaus Pita, continues the name of the Proto-Indo-European god of the day-lit sky
- Ushas, dawn goddess

Sumerian

- Inanna, primary goddess of the planet Venus
- Ninsianna, goddess of the planet Venus
- Šul-pa-e, underworld god who became associated with Jupiter
- Shulsaga, stellar goddess
- Šerida, goddess of light

European

Etruscan

- Albina, goddess of the dawn and protector of ill-fated lovers
- Thesan, goddess of the dawn, associated with new life

Germanic

- Baldr, god thought to be associated with light and/or day; is known by many other names, all of which have cognates in other Germanic languages, suggesting he may have been a pan-Germanic deity
- Dagr, personification of day
- Earendel, god of rising light and/or a star
- Eostre, considered to continue the Proto-Indo-European dawn goddess
- Freyr, god of sunshine, among other things
- Teiwaz, as a reflex of Dyeus, was probably originally god of the day-lit sky

Slavic

- Dazhbog, god of the sun and day

Greek

- Aether, primarily associated with upper air but associated with light in Hesiod's Theogony
- Apollo, god of light, among many other things
- Eos, goddess of the dawn
- Hemera, personification of day
- Hyperion, Titan of light; sometimes conflated with his son Helios
- Lampetia, goddess of light, and one of the Heliades or daughters of Helios , god of the Sun, and of the nymph Neera .

- Theia, Titaness of sight and the shining light of the clear blue sky. She is the consort of Hyperion and mother of Helios, Selene, and Eos.
- Zeus, as a reflex of Dyeus, could be considered god of the day-lit sky

Mari

Roman

- Aurora (mythology), goddess of the dawn
- Jupiter (mythology), as a reflex of Dyeus, god of the day-lit sky
- Mater Matuta, goddess associated with Aurora

Oceania

Polynesian

- Atanua, Marquesan goddess of the dawn
- Atarapa, goddess of the dawn
- Ira, sky goddess and mother of the stars

Māori mythology

- Ao (mythology), personification of light

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